

that is the first major step of a product of about 2 months of work. With that work and the time they have spent, the dedication and focus, it means that once that information can be shared with Democrats and Republicans throughout the Senate and they take a look at it, the fact that it has been so carefully vetted, we should be able to address it in the course of next week.

I had a brief conversation with the Democratic leader, who has begun to look at that legislation. He, too, is confident we can address this issue next week. The House of Representatives has to address it, as well, go to conference—if we don't pass the same bill—and then get it to the President as soon as we possibly can. So it is very good news. That agreement was reached today.

There are a number of other items that have to be addressed, but there were three major items that were the real gist, the substance of that agreement.

DARFUR PEACE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3127 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3127) to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Lugar substitute at the desk be agreed to, the bill as amended be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements related to the measure be printed in the appropriate place in the RECORD as if read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 5033), in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill (H.R. 3127), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I have several other issues to deal with, but that particular issue on Sudan and sanctions surrounding Sudan leads me to comment on the great tragedy that is occurring in the Darfur region in western Sudan.

I have had the opportunity to be in that region in a number of the refugee

camps along that western border of Sudan and Chad, the country just west of Sudan, a country to which many of these refugees are fleeing.

Things are getting worse in Darfur. We have heard a lot about it in the last 2½ years. On this floor, a little over 2 years ago, we called it a genocide. Shortly thereafter, the administration also agreed it is genocide. And that is exactly what it is. We do not know exactly how many people have been killed, but around 200,000 people have been killed in this genocide and probably 2 million people displaced from their homes. Things are getting worse. It deserves the attention of this body. We focused on it at a very early time. We continue to focus on it, but again, I think we are going to have to focus on it more and more.

An envoy was appointed by the President maybe yesterday or the day before. I think that is a very positive move in that regard.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 574.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 574) recognizing the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation on the occasion of its 70th anniversary and saluting the outstanding service of its members and staff on behalf of the agricultural community and the people of North Carolina.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 574) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 574

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was founded on March 2, 1936, in Greenville, North Carolina, during the Great Depression, a period of national frustration and economic disaster;

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was established to organize North Carolina's farm families and to maximize their ability to engage in national, State, and local policy debates that affect North Carolina agriculture;

Whereas at its first annual meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, on July 30, 1936, the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation had slightly over 2,000 members from 24 counties;

Whereas in 2005, the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was composed of approximately 490,000 member families from all 100

counties of North Carolina, making it the second largest State farm bureau in the United States;

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation created a Women's Program in 1942 and a Young Farmer and Rancher Program in the 1970s to encourage leadership development among its members;

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation is committed to advancing agricultural education in North Carolina through its R. Flake Shaw Scholarship Fund, established in 1958, and the Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders, founded in 1984, which help ensure that the young men and women of North Carolina are well prepared for careers in agriculture;

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation created and continues to sponsor the Ag-In-The-Classroom initiative to introduce children to North Carolina agriculture and to improve the quality of teachers in North Carolina schools;

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation's visionary Board of Directors developed numerous initiatives that enable farmers to effectively produce and sell their products, such as the organization's marketing program, and that provide farmers with access to necessary farm resources, such as the tires, batteries, and accessories service;

Whereas in 1953, the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation founded the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation Mutual Insurance Company, which is North Carolina's largest domestic insurance company;

Whereas the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation Mutual Insurance Company is composed entirely of farmers; and

Whereas the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation is a true grassroots organization dedicated to ensuring that agriculture remains North Carolina's number 1 industry through the organization's unique policy development process and active legislative and regulatory advocacy programs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation on the occasion of its 70th anniversary and salutes the outstanding service of its members and staff on behalf of the agricultural community and the people of North Carolina.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2006, AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 22. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and further that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate it be in order for Senators to introduce bills on Friday until 11 a.m.; provided further that a bill to be introduced by Senator FRIST or his designee be considered as read a first time and that there be an objection to its second reading. I further ask consent that following the pledge, the Senate then stand in adjournment until the hour of 2 p.m. on Monday, September 25. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of